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HM?
THOSE GUYS...

YUI,
AREN'T YOU GOING TO GREET THEM?
HUH?
WHAT'D YOU SAY!?
JUST NOW, YOU WERE STARING AT KIMURA-KUN AND KAZUMA-KUN, RIGHT?
DON'T YOU USUALLY TALK TO THEM?
NO,
UH...
...IT'S FINE!
I WOULDN'T WANT TO INTERUPT THEIR FUN.
COME TO THINK OF IT, I GOT A MESSAGE FROM YUI.
I HAVEN'T READ IT THOUGH.

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IT'S PROBABLY ABOUT KAZUMA ANYWAY.
I DON'T WANNA READ THAT.
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?
HEY, KOIZUMI! IT'S BEEN A WHILE. YOU OVER YOUR COLD YET?
BY THE WAY, I HEARD AN INTERESTING STORY.
COUGH
HUH? KOIZUMI-SAN?
LOOKS LIKE IT...
I WONDER WHAT SAITOU IS TALKING TO HER ABOUT.

AN OLD CLASS-MATE OF YOURS TOLD ME
THAT YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A LONER, EVEN BEFORE COMING HERE.
HE SAID HE RE-MEM-BERED YOU
EH?
APPAR-ENTLY, YOU USED TO LIE AND SAY YOU COULD SEE SPIRITS.
I BET THAT REALLY CREEPED PEOPLE THE HELL OUT.
HEY, WHATCHA TALKING ABOUT?
IT'S JUST AS I SAID
.....
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
I CAN'T HEAR VERY WELL.
COME ON, DON'T JUST STAND THERE. SAY SOME-THING. YOU THINK YOU'RE SPECIAL?

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EARTH TO KOIZU-MIII.
EVEN IF THAT'S TRUE, SO WHAT?
HUH?
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GEH! OOTSU-KA!?
THE HEAD-BUTTING GIRL!
FOR CRYING OUT LOUD...
YOU THINK HARASSING A GIRL BY HERSELF IS FUN?
YOU SLEAZE-BAG!
I-IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSI-NESS.
...I'M NOT
BY MY-SELF.

YOU CAN'T SEE THEM,
BUT THEY'RE ALWAYS THERE.
LOOK, EVEN NOW,
A BUNCH ARE RIGHT NEXT TO YOU.

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WHATEVER! LET'S GO!
EH? WHAT'S WRONG, SAITOU?
COME ON!
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ARE YOU OK?
AH, KOI-ZUMI-SA...
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AH, THERE SHE IS.
KOI-ZUMI-SAN!
HUH? IS SHE CRYING ...?
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WHAT?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE CRYING THERE FOR A SEC-OND.
CRYING? WHY?
WELL, THAT JERK SAID SOME MEAN STUFF...
BUT IT'S GOOD TO SEE NONE OF IT GOT TO YOU.
...AH,
AT MY OLD SCHOOL, EVERYONE THOUGHT I WAS CREEPY, SO I DIDN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS.
THAT WAS THE TRUTH ...
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I THOUGHT I SHOULD JUST KEEP TO MYSELF
AT THIS SCHOOL AS WELL...
AH, IS THAT WHY SHE'S ALWAYS ALONE?
BUT
RIGHT AFTER TRANSFERRING, I DISCOVERED WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU AND TAKAOKA-KUN...
I WAS JUST SO CURIOUS THAT I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF
ASKING QUES-TIONS AND DOING UNNECES-SARY THINGS...
DON'T YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO NOR-MAL?
I THOUGHT WE COULD BECOME FRIENDS... OR AT LEAST I DID.

I'M SORRY.
...SHE WAS JUST
CURIOUS?
THAT OTHER PER-SON... I'D LIKE TO MEET THEM.
I'M EVEN MORE INTER-ESTED NOW.

WHAT...
THAT'S ALL IT WAS...?
I WON'T TALK TO YOU ANY-MORE,
SO NO NEED TO WOR-RY.
HEY, WAIT.
IF YOU'RE ALONE, THEN SAITOU IS GONNA COME BOTHER YOU AGAIN.
BUT STILL...
REALLY, I DON'T MIND. AND I NEVER SAID I DISLIKED TALKING WITH YOU.

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BESIDES, YOU WENT TO ALL THE EFFORT OF TRANS-FERRING SCHOOLS.
YOU DON'T WANNA BE ALONE AGAIN, RIGHT?
AS LONG AS YOU
DON'T TELL ANYONE OUR SECRET, THEN WE'RE COOL.
LET'S HEAD BACK TO THE CLASS-ROOM TOGETH-ER.
COME ON, HURRY UP IT'S FREEZING OUT HERE. YOU'LL CATCH A COLD AGAIN
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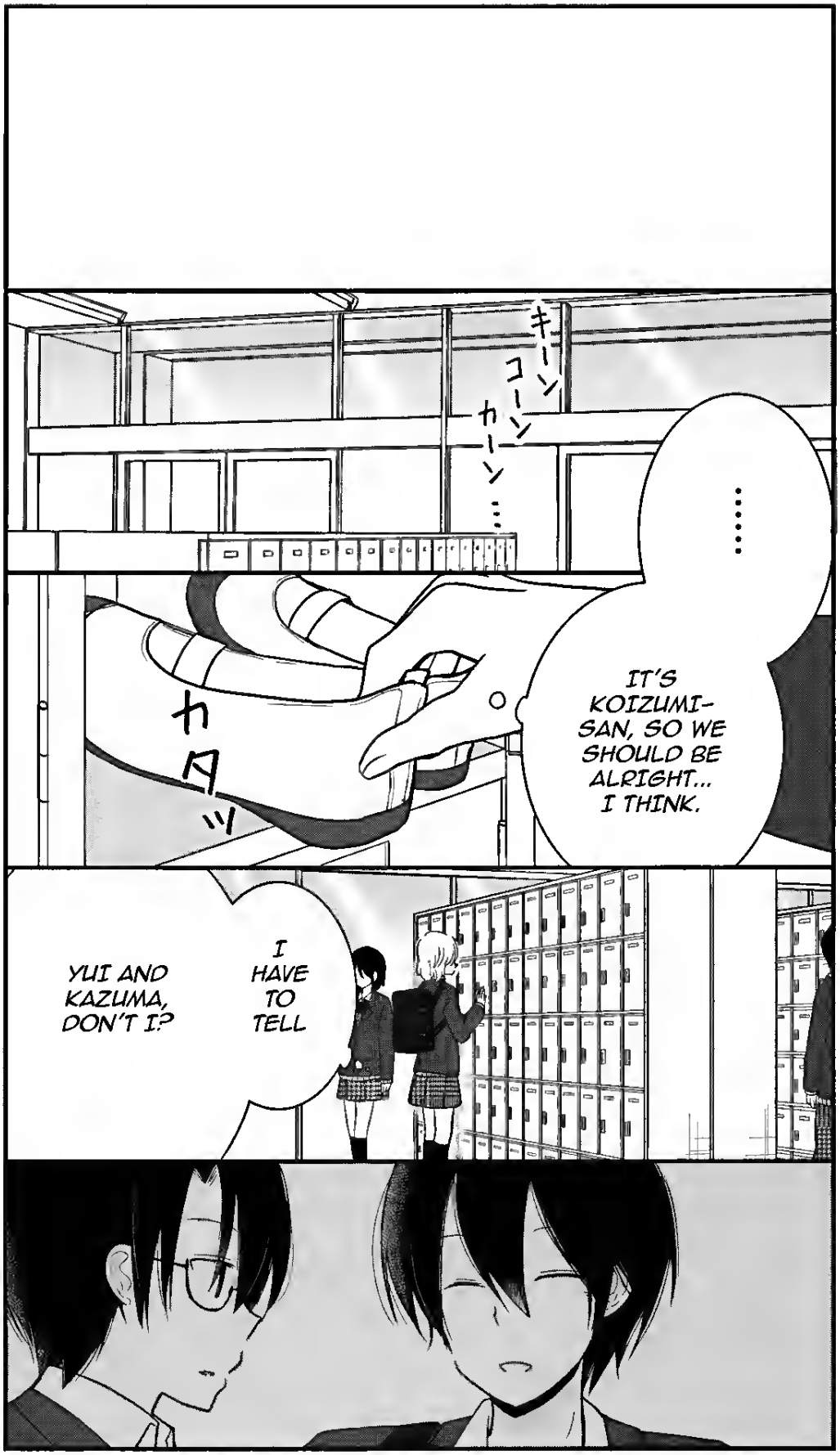
...YEAH.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IT'S KOIZUMI-SAN, SO WE SHOULD BE ALRIGHT... I THINK.
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I HAVE TO TELL
YUI AND KAZUMA, DON'T I?

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YUI.
BUT WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE TWO OF THEM, I KINDA GET ANNOYED...
HEY, YOU'RE HEADING BACK NOW, TOO?

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UM HOW'S YOUR MOM?
HM? SHE'S BETTER.
YESTERDAY SHE WAS DISCHARGED AND NOW SHE'S RESTING AT HOME.
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I... I SEE.
AH, I GOT A MESSAGE FROM SUMIRE.
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"WHEN'S YUU-KUN COMING OVER NEXT?" IT SAYS.

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SHE'S ASKING ABOUT YUI?
WHY?
THEY BOTH REALLY HIT IT OFF LAST TIME,
AND NOW SUMIRE WANTS TO COOK WITH HER AGAIN.
GIVE ME A SECOND. I'M GONNA ASK YUI.

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WHAT?
NOTH-ING! IT'S JUST THAT
RE-CENTLY, YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN HANGING OUT TO-GETHER QUITE A LOT...
REAL-LY?
I HAVEN'T NOTICED ANY DIF-FERENCE
...DID SOME-THING HAP-PEN?
LIKE WHEN YUI WAS AT YOUR HOUSE ...
OH... THAT DAY.
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WELL...
SOME STUFF HAP-PENED.

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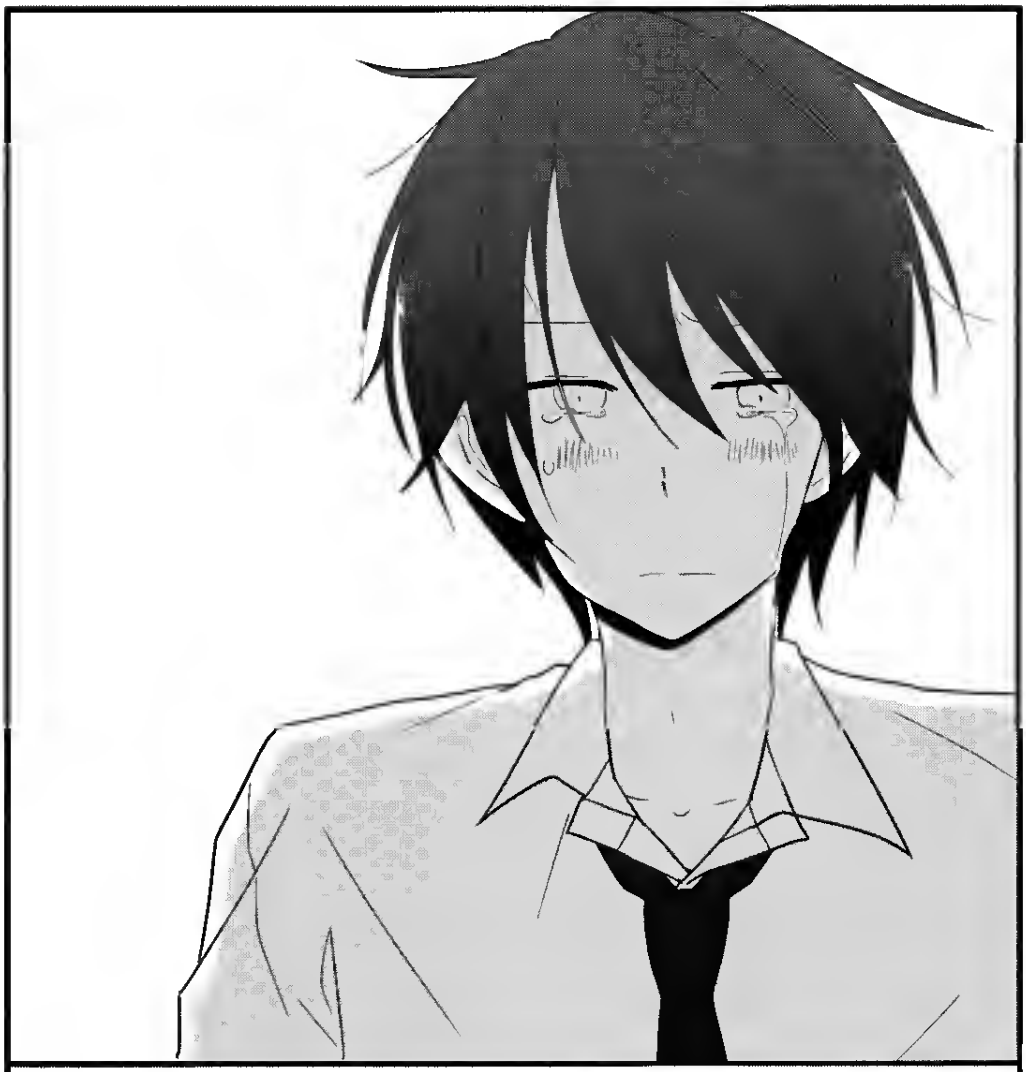
WHAT THE HELL?
BOTH OF YOU...
...SOME STUFF HAP-PENED.
.....
...WHAT,
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF HER?

...HUH?
WHAT AM I SAYING ...?
HER? YOU MEAN YUI?
...SHE'S IMPOR-TANT TO ME.

I...
I FEEL THAT WAY AS WELL,
MORE THAN KAZUMA...

...BUT
DEEP DOWN
I AL-READY KNOW.
SINCE A LONG,
LONG TIME AGO,
I'VE KNOWN.



YUI LIKES
KAZUMA.

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THEN,
WHAT ABOUT ME?
I...
YOU CAN'T HAVE HER.

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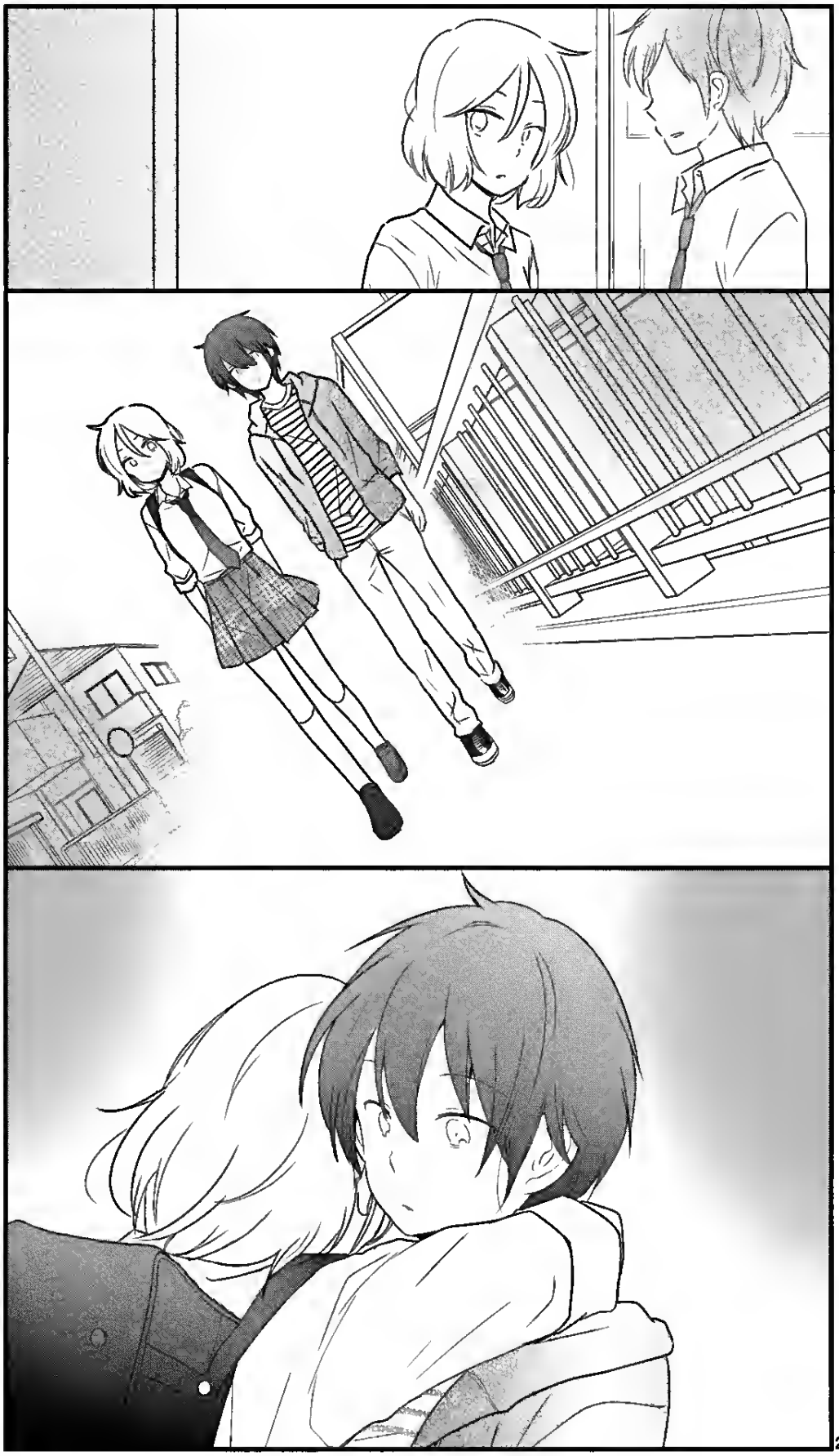
I EVEN SAID SOME WEIRD THINGS TO KAZUMA...
I'M ANNOYED AND IRRITATED ALL THE TIME.
IT'S ALMOST LIKE



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...EH?
EH?
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COULD IT BE
I LIKE YUI?

...WELL,
I DIDN'T REALLY MEAN IT THAT WAY, THOUGH.

BOTH OF THEM ARE IMPORTANT TO ME,
AND IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE ANY DESIRE TO BATTLE IT OUT WITH YUUTA.
BUT THEN AGAIN, IT'S NOT LIKE I HAD TO SAY ANYTHING IN THE FIRST PLACE.
WITH THIS,
I HOPE YUUTA FINALLY REALIZES WHERE HIS HEART LIES.

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TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 7

That's a Wrap!

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